



Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation
NOTICE OF CHANGE
TO DEPARTMENT OPERATIONS MANUAL

Chapter 5, Article 2,
Use of Force

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The purpose of this document is to provide all staff with information regarding revisions to Department Operations Manual (DOM) Chapter 5, Article 2, Use of Force.

The Department's Joint Use of Force Committee reviewed current policy and determined revisions to CDCR's Use of Force Policy were in order to establish clear standards and parameters for the manner in which force is applied in controlled use of force situations.

This revision clarifies the responsibilities of the Response Supervisor, Incident Commander, and Manager, in determining what types of force should be used, and the manner in which they will be applied, including the documentation and video recording of the decision to utilize force during the extraction. Additionally, limits have been established on the types and amounts of chemical agents that will be applied in a controlled use of force, and a minimum wait time between applications of chemical agents created. This policy revision will expand and clarify the manner in which the appropriate mental health and medical staff will assist in evaluating the subject prior to the application of force during the cool down period to help avoid the need for additional use of force.

Changes have also been made to: 1) the reporting requirements in order to more clearly align with the requirements as codified in CCR Title 15 3268.1, 2) the use of the safety triangle to accommodate varying physical plant designs, and 3) position titles throughout the policy to standardize use, and to address renaming of classifications within CDCR such as; Captain, Chief Executive Officer, PSP, licensed health care practitioner, Office of the Inspector General, etc.

Please inform all persons concerned of the contents of this notice, which shall be maintained and utilized until it is incorporated into the next online edition of the DOM. For questions regarding the content of this policy revision, please contact James Lundy, Division of Adult Institutions, at (661) 822-4402, Ext. 4325.

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